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--15. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5% by weight based on the combined weight of the fuel and the water.--

--16. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 2% by weight based on the combined weight of the fuel and the water.--

--17. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 1% by weight based on the combined weight of the fuel and the water.--

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--18. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the fuel is present in an amount of from 60 to 95% by weight, the water is present in an amount of from 5 to 35% by weight, and the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.--

--19. (New) The composition according to claim 18, further comprising one or more additives present in an amount of from 0.01 to 2.5%, based on the weight of the composition.--

--20. (New) The composition according to claim 14, further comprising one or more additives present in an amount of from 0.01 to 0.5% by weight, wherein the fuel is present in an amount of from 65 to 90% by weight, the water is present in an amount of from 25 to 35% by weight, and the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 0.5% by weight, all weight percents based on the weight of the composition.--

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--21. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol and the ethoxylated fatty alcohol are present in a weight ratio of from 1:1 to 1:4.--

--22. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol comprises an alcohol branched in the  $\alpha$ -position.--

--23. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol comprises at least one alcohol selected from the group consisting of isotridecyl alcohol, isohexadecyl alcohol, isostearyl alcohol, 2-hexyl-1-decanol, and 2-octyl-1-decanol.--

--24. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol has from 14 to 24 carbon atoms.--

--25. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the ethoxylated fatty alcohol comprises an alcohol having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol.--

--26. (New) The composition according to claim 14, wherein the fuel comprises diesel oil.--

--27. (New) A composition comprising: (a) a diesel oil, (b) water, and (c) an emulsifier, wherein the emulsifier comprises a mixture of (i) an  $\alpha$ -branched-chain fatty alcohol having from 14 to 24 carbon atoms, and (ii) an ethoxylated fatty alcohol having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol; wherein the diesel oil is present in an amount of from 60 to 95% by weight, the water is present in an amount of from 5 to 35% by weight, and the mixture is present in an amount of from 0.01 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.--

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--28. (New) A water-free, fuel-additive concentrate comprising: (a) a branched-chain fatty alcohol having from 12 to 24 carbon atoms, and (b) an ethoxylated fatty alcohol having from 8 to 24 carbon atoms and from 1 to 10 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol.--

--29. (New) The concentrate according to claim 28, further comprising a corrosion inhibitor.--

--30. (New) The concentrate according to claim 29, wherein the corrosion inhibitor comprises an ethoxylated carboxylic acid amide.--

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--31. (New) The concentrate according to claim 29, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol is present in an amount of from 10 to 30% by weight, the ethoxylated fatty alcohol is present in an amount of from 30 to 60% by weight, and the corrosion inhibitor is present in an amount of from 15 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the concentrate.--

--32. (New) The concentrate according to claim 30, wherein the branched-chain fatty alcohol is present in an amount of from 10 to 30% by weight, the ethoxylated fatty alcohol is present in an amount of from 30 to 60% by weight, and the corrosion inhibitor is present in an amount of from 15 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the concentrate.--

--33. (New) A method of emulsifying a fuel and water, said method comprising:

- (a) providing an aqueous fuel;
  - (b) providing the water-free, fuel-additive concentrate according to claim 28; and
  - (c) mixing the aqueous fuel and the water-free, fuel-additive concentrate.--
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Please cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice.